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In re application of

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Richard GRIFFITHS et al.

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AVIAN CHD GENES AND THEIR USE IN
METHODS FOR SEX IDENTIFICATION IN
BIRDS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

34. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, or 15, said nucleotide sequence being derived from a CHD-gene of a bird or a part thereof, said polynucleotide being hybridizable to the genomic DNA of a bird.